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Addendum

1. After paragraph 39 insert the attached new paragraph 40 and renumber the subsequent paragraph as paragraph 41.

2. After paragraph 41 insert the attached new paragraphs 42 and 43, and renumber the subsequent paragraphs accordingly.

40. The Permanent Representative stressed that among the stumbling blocks to the implementation of the Settlement Plan were the criteria for identifying persons eligible to participate in the referendum and that delays in that regard had been due entirely to the other party and the countries that supported it (A/49/492, para. 12) since Morocco had long since accepted the criteria set out in Security Council resolution 725 (1991). Consequently, his Government welcomed the solution to the problem provided in Security Council resolution 907 (1994) which, as indicated in the Secretary-General's report (para. 17), had been accepted by both parties. As a result, the United Nations operation was proceeding satisfactorily and definite progress had been made since August 1994 in identifying potential voters.

42. In explaining his delegation's position following the adoption of the resolution, the Permanent Representative of Morocco stated that in the view of his delegation the wording and content of many of the provisions of the resolution were still inadequate; nevertheless, his delegation had agreed to the adoption of the resolution without a vote. That moderate attitude was consistent with his delegation's efforts to promote the organization of a referendum as soon as possible and to facilitate the task of the Secretary-General who, under the supervision of the Security Council, was firmly committed to the implementation of the United Nations Settlement Plan.

43. The Permanent Representative added that the MINURSO operation was on schedule and that there was no need to cast doubts on the integrity and impartiality of the ongoing process. He stressed his delegation's position that the referendum must be organized and monitored from start to finish by the United Nations and that the methods of voting or the code of conduct to be followed would be determined and implemented by the United Nations. In conclusion, he reaffirmed his country's commitment to the rapid and effective implementation of the Settlement Plan with a view to the holding of a referendum in 1995.